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**PETITION TO EXTEND TIME**

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Official Action dated May 21, 2003 be extended one (1) month to September 22, 2003. The statutory fee for this extension (\$55.00) is included in the enclosed check.

The U.S. Patent Office is authorized to credit any over payments or charge deficiencies to Account No. 501709 of the undersigned.

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